

Remarks

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of the application and remarks explaining his interpretation of the claim language. Based upon the Examiner's remarks and suggestion, independent claims 90 and 93 have been amended to recite the insertion and removal of a syringe "through said open front end" of the bore, thus clarifying the distinction from the Goethel structure, in which a syringe may not be inserted or removed "through" the front.

Applicant believes that the claims as thus amended are allowable over the cited prior art and respectfully requests early transmission of a Notice of Allowability.

This response is believed to be timely. However, if any petition for extension of time is necessary to accompany this communication, please consider this paper a petition for such an extension of time, and apply the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 23-3000. If any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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